

off the area. The Corporation authorities arranged for the burial of the unclaimed dead bodies. The Police authorities have given Rs. 78 from the Family Welfare Fund and Rs. 300 from the Contingency to the dependants of the Police Constable Shri Kashinath of Dharwar who lost his life in the accident. The question of giving all possible assistance to the poor lamanis who were involved in the accident is being examined by the Deputy Commissioner, Dharwar. It is learnt that the Railway authorities have also taken action to give relief to the dependants of those who lost their lives in this accident and to the injured.

### **Shortage of Drinking Water supply in Kolar Town**

**SRI P. VENKATAGIRIYAPPA (Kolar).**—I call the attention of the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration to the shortage of drinking water supply in Kolar Town.

**SRI R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).**—The water supply system to Kolar is maintained by the Town Municipal Council, Kolar. On account of failure of rains during 1967, Ammerahalli tank did not receive adequate supply of water and consequently the tank is getting dried up. It is reported that there is water still in the tank to suffice for about 8, to 10 days. To tide over shortage of water 4 bore wells have been sunk which are in existence in Ammerahalli tank water spread area. Harnessing arrangements of these borewells are being made to commission the same. Further, the Town Municipal Council has taken over two private wells near the tank and arrangements are being made to pump water from these wells. Action has also been taken by the Municipality to improve the existing private wells in the towns to augment water supply. By the above arrangements, it may be stated that about 2,00,000 gallons can be provided to Kolar Town which work out to 5 gallons per capita per day. This is considered to be the minimum requirement for drinking purposes.

Also the Municipality has arranged supply of water through lorries and tractors. In view of the facts mentioned above there is need to be anxious regarding water supply to Kolar Town.

**SRI P. VENKATAGIRIYAPPA.**—The hon'ble Minister has stated that two thousand gallons are supplied. I can say by my experience that not even one thousand gallons are supplied. In addition there is cholera. Instead of relying on the facts furnished by the officers, will the Minister inspect the town and see for himself the falsity of the facts furnished by the officers?

**SRI R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).**—All arrangements will be made to provide sufficient water.

(SRI R. M. PATIL)

The municipal council will be instructed accordingly. I will also go and see. Afterall we have to make arrangements and we will see to it.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.—Sir, I am sorry I am intervening. I have one thing to say. Since you stated that the matter is not in order, I would not like what the Minister has stated to go into the records. I request that must be expunged.

### CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE *re*: WATER SUPPLY POSITION IN BANGALORE CITY.

SRI T. R. SHAMANNA (Bangalore Fort).—I call the attention of the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration to the unsatisfactory position of water supply in Bangalore City. Sriyuths Vatal Nagaraj, P. Thimmiah and T. R. Shamanna have also given Notice of this calling attention.

SRI R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).—The Board has been watching the supply position in two reservoirs Chamaraja Sagar and Hessarghatta and has been taking precautionary steps from November 1967. The quantity of water pumped from T.G. Hally was reduced and a cut at 10 per cent in the supply of water to all existing non-domestic consumers was imposed. Appeals were sent out to the public through the media of newspapers and handbills requesting them to reduce their consumption to the minimum and thus help the Board in conserving the water.

Again in the month of January 1968, the Board reviewed the situation and decided to reduce the pumpage of water from T.G. Hally Reservoir further, in addition to increase the cut on the supply of non-domestic consumers from 10 to 15 per cent. As a result of reduced pumpage the hours of supply to the Consumers had to be reduced from 6 hours to 5 hours per day. The Board also initiated a number of other measures which were found necessary for conserving the water such as stoppage of sanction of all non-domestic water connections and requesting the Chairman, City Improvement Trust Board not to press the site owners for constructing buildings until such time that the situation improves. Similarly the draw of raw water from Hesarghatta Reservoir has also been reduced to about 4.1 M.G. per day.

At the present rate of pumpage from T.G. Hally Reservoir, it is estimated that the existing capacity in the Reservoir will last upto